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B. Khrushchev overtures, along with his public statements strictly adhering to neutral position, reflect embarrassment dispute has caused USSR at time when it pressing peaceful coexistence and detente line.

II.

A. However, Nehru faced with aroused public opinion at home and is committed to defend all Indian-claimed territory.

B. He still awaiting Peiping's reply to his note of 16 November demanding Chinese withdraw troops from Longju and proposing both withdraw from border territories claimed by either side in Ladakh.

C. Nehru, therefore, unlikely take any further step toward negotiations until he receives Chinese reply or some conciliatory gesture.

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III. US Embassy New Delhi reports that it has been told by Indian protocol chief of possibility that Khrushchev as well as Voroshilov will visit India early next year.

- A. He said Khrushchev visit may be in nature of stopover enroute Indonesia; Voroshilov tour has long been planned.
- B. We have been unable as yet to confirm Khrushchev trip

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